

two Combat Action Ribbons as well as many other awards, medals, and citations. Rory was also awarded the Purple Heart by President Obama for the many injuries he sustained during his deployments, including the loss of his right leg.

Upon his retirement from the Marine Corps, Rory found his calling in learning about himself and Post Traumatic Growth, which led him to a career in motivational speaking. Rory also volunteered with the Veterans Diversion Program at the Ocean County Prosecutors office where he acted as a mentor to veterans who had found themselves in the legal system as a result of their experiences while serving. Most recently, Rory was enrolled in an accelerated Masters Program in pursuit of a degree in Social Work at Monmouth University, where he worked to identify successful pathways for Post 9/11-era Veterans to reintegrate into their communities in New Jersey.

Rory's commitment to his community and to those struggling is best said in his own written words: "The more we share our pain, open up and discuss our mental health; the more power we take away from those same traumas that affect us, and the more we can begin to heal. In sharing my story, I have found purpose, catharsis, and humility. I have found my life's purpose in helping those who suffer as I used to. . . ." "This is what I live for. Helping my fellow brothers and sisters, showing them that there is a way to overcome any obstacle in their path; whether during service, or after."

Rory's impact on the veteran community was immeasurable, and his passing is a tragedy for our state and nation. It is now up to us to continue his legacy, to lift each other up and be there for those in our community that are struggling as Rory would have. My heart goes out to his family, his three children, and all of the friends who Rory touched through his work over the years. He will truly be missed.

IN RECOGNITION OF MS. RUTH
"RUTHY" HEBARD

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2020

Mr. YOUNG. Madam Speaker, with great pleasure, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Ruth "Ruthy" Hebard and her recent draft to continue her basketball career at the professional level, in the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA). On Friday, April 17th, Ms. Hebard was drafted by the Chicago Sky as their eighth overall pick.

Ms. Hebard played forward at West Valley High School in Fairbanks, Alaska where she was chosen twice as USA Today's Alaska Player of the Year, an incredible accomplishment. She led West Valley High to many state tournaments and when she graduated, became the first player in their school history to have her jersey retired.

After high school, Ms. Hebard went on to play at the collegiate level for the University of Oregon where, this year, she was selected for the First-team All-American. Ms. Hebard is the second unanimous all-American basketball player in program history. Throughout her collegiate career for the Oregon Ducks, Ms. Hebard played in 144 games, playing an average of 28.7 minutes per game, and scoring 16.4 points per game.

Additionally, Ms. Hebard has played on the U.S. National Team leading the team to many titles and awards. Madam Speaker, Ms. Ruthy Hebard is an inspiration to all Americans, especially young girls and all young people pursuing athletic success. I ask my fellow Members to congratulate Ms. Ruthy Hebard in her incredible accomplishments and wish her well as she continues on to the Chicago Sky.

RECOGNIZING THE LIVES OF
CHERYL AND CORRINA THINN

HON. TOM O'HALLERAN

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2020

Mr. O'HALLERAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the lives of Cheryl and Corrina Thinn, sisters and frontline workers who passed away in late April after battling the coronavirus.

Both Cheryl and Corrina served their communities for years, dedicating their lives to protecting the health and safety of the people on Navajo Nation, and selflessly continued their service on the frontlines of this ongoing public health crisis.

Cheryl served as a Navajo Nation juvenile detention officer and a Navajo Nation Emergency Medical Service member. She then went on to serve and care for her community through her work for the Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation. She is survived by her son.

Corrina protected her community for 11 years as an officer with the Navajo Nation Police Department, eventually becoming a Senior Navajo Police Department Officer with the Tuba City District. She then earned a master's degree in social work and worked tirelessly to better the lives of Arizonans, working for health centers throughout the Navajo Nation as well as tribes throughout Arizona. Corrina is survived by two sons, a grandson, and a granddaughter.

My heart breaks for the loved ones of these devoted and compassionate frontline workers.

Pat and I are keeping Cheryl and Corrina's family, friends, and the entire Navajo Nation community in our thoughts as we continue to mourn their passing.